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AMENDMENT

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Please enter the following Amendment in the above-identified patent application:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 28 and 30 as follows:

28. A method for inactivating viruses in <sup>blood or a blood component</sup> (a body fluid) the method comprising the steps  
of:

initially storing an amount of methylene blue and an amount of the (body fluid) in separate  
sterile, sealed containers, each container having an inner surface made of a non-polyvinyl  
chloride, plastic material and the container in which the <sup>blood or bc</sup> (body fluid) is stored includes portions  
that are made of a polyvinyl chloride material;

forming a mixture by adding at least a portion of the amount of the methylene blue to the  
amount of the <sup>Blood or blood component</sup> (body fluid) wherein the portion of methylene blue is a virucidally effective amount  
of the methylene blue and further wherein the mixture formed is within one of the containers in  
which the methylene blue or <sup>bc</sup> (body fluid) is initially stored under sterile conditions; and

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